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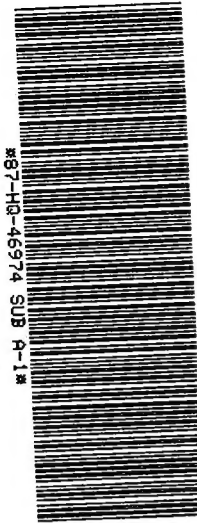


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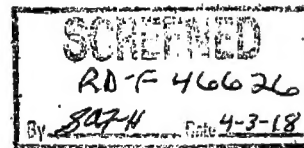
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Ex-Krupp Wife, Robbed of Ring

LAS VEGAS, Nev., April 11 (UPI). — Vera Krupp, former wife of German munitions baron Alfred von Krupp, reported to sheriff's deputies today that three men robbed her of a \$200,000 diamond ring after tying her hands with wire and taping her eyes up. The robbery took place at her ranch, 20 miles south of here. She told officers the men handcuffed her forearm, then bound her hands with wire. Besides her diamond ring, said to have been given to her by Krupp during their marriage, the bandits stole a .22 caliber pistol.

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The two others followed him into the room when the brunette divorcee opened her door.

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They pulled the diamond ring from the woman's finger and took \$700 in cash and a pistol.

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**~~3~~ Gunmen Bind
 Mrs. Krupp, Get
 \$250,000 Jewels**

LAS VEGAS, Nev., Apr. 11 (AP).—Three gunmen robbed Mrs. Vera Krupp, ex-wife of German industrialist Alfred Krupp, of jewelry valued at \$250,000 last night, the sheriff's office reported.

Mrs. Krupp told investigators the trio burst into her Spring Mountain ranch home, bound her with wire and handcuffed ranch worker Harold Brotherson. One of the gunmen, who wore a handkerchief over his face, addressed her by her first name, she said.

Deputies said Mrs. Krupp and Mr. Brotherson managed to struggle free of their bonds about two hours after the robbers drove away in a late-model car.

The principal item taken, Mrs. Krupp said, was a multi-carat diamond ring. It was given her by her former husband and later was awarded to her in a property settlement. She and Mr. Krupp were divorced in 1954.

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16-L ——— **BOLD GUNMEN GOT \$300,000 RING** ———

4 States Hunt Krupp Gem



MRS. VERA KRUPP
Rabbed of \$300,000 Ring
 UPI Photo

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They pulled the diamond ring from the wealthy woman's finger and took \$700 in cash and a .22 calibre pistol.

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(Associated Press foto)

Vera Krupp
 Tricked by thugs

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KRUPP'S EX IS VICTIM AT HER RANCH

Robbed of 300G Ring

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Mrs. Vera Krupp . . . victim of gem thieves in Las Vegas.

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Krupp's Ex Robbed of 250G Gems

By JACK O'GRADY

Mrs. Vera Krupp, former wife of the wealthy German industrialist, reported to the Las Vegas sheriff's office Saturday that she had been robbed of \$250,000 worth of jewelry.

The Levi-wearing millionaire ranch woman drove the 20 miles from her isolated cattle breeding farm to Las Vegas to report the robbery.

With her was her ranch foreman, Harold Brotherson, still wearing the ancient handcuffs put on him by the robbers.

They arrived in Las Vegas shortly after midnight, nearly four hours after three gunmen had burst into her Spring Mountain ranch home. One of them wore a handkerchief mask and carried a revolver.

'Just Plain Angry'

Mrs. Krupp, about 32, and Brotherson, said they had been left bound and required about two hours to get loose.

"They were more mad than anything," a sheriff's deputy told The Post. "That Mrs. Krupp is quite a hardy little woman. It would take an awful lot to scare her. She was just plain angry."

A pretty brunette, about 32, Mrs. Krupp gave police a complete inventory of her loss, which included a huge diamond ring.

"It was 30 or 40 carats," a deputy said. "It was so big, you'd think it was phony. She wore it around a lot. Everybody in these parts knew she owned it."

Came to Vegas in '54

The diamond had been given to Mrs. Krupp during her marriage to Alfred Krupp, wealthy German industrialist and former munitions magnate, and awarded to her in 1954 in a property settlement after the divorce.

Mrs. Krupp came to Las Vegas in 1954, buying her ranch from retired radio actor Chet Lauk of "Lum 'n' Abner" fame. For a time, she was an investor in the Frontier Hotel in Las Vegas. Since settling, she has completely restocked the ranch with breeding cattle.

It lies in a fertile valley, a dirt road leading to it far back from the main highway.

The robbers had to drive up this road to the ranch house, but they evidently cut their lights and motor short of it. Mrs. Krupp and Brotherson said they didn't hear a thing until the three men burst through the front door.

Plaster Casts Made

When the robbers left, Mrs. Krupp and the foreman heard a car engine start and drive away.

Police technicians went to the ranch to make plaster casts of footprints outside the house and tire tracks in the

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LAS VEGAS ARREST IN TEXAS CITY ROBBERY

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Linked to \$250,000 Krupp Diamond Theft Conspiracy

By JACK MOHLER
Press Staff Writer

The armed theft of a \$250,000 diamond ring last April 10 from the glamorous ex-wife of German munitions king Alfred Krupp led to the arrest late yesterday of a 37-year-old Houston and Texas City house painter.

Jailed yesterday in Texas City on a federal warrant for "conspiracy to transport stolen jewelry across a state line" was Edward Daniel Hay, who moved to Texas City from Texarkana one week ago.

Hay was arrested by an FBI agent and Texas City Police Chief R. L. De Walt at 5:34 p.m. in his home, No. 2 17th Ave. N., minutes after he had returned from Houston, where he was working.

The diamond theft was sensational news last April 10 in Las Vegas where Mrs. Vera Krupp maintains a plush, sprawling, rock-walled ranch 18 miles west of the desert resort city.

Two armed men wearing stocking masks gained entrance to her ranch by posing as highway contractors.

Last Saturday, more than one month after the robbery, the FBI arrested and jailed three persons in Newark, N. J.

An FBI spokesman there said:

"We have arrested three persons in an Elizabeth, N. J. tourist court and recovered the diamond ring stolen from Mrs. Vera Krupp on April 10."

The 33.6 carat, blue-white, emerald-cut diamond had been removed from its setting, the FBI said.

Named as Conspirator

Why was Hay arrested? What part does the FBI contend he played in the diamond theft?

H. O. Hawkins, agent-in-charge of the FBI in Houston, said:

"A complaint filed Wednesday afternoon in Newark, N. J., names Hay as one of the conspirators in this crime.

"I do not know what Hay had to do with this crime, other than that it is alleged by the government that he conspired with others to transport this diamond from Las Vegas, Nevada, to Newark, N. J., and other parts of the continental U. S. A. knowing it to have been stolen."

Mr. Hawkins said he did not know if Hay was in Las Vegas

at the time of the robbery, or if he was in Newark when the others were arrested.

Houston police records show that a man named Edward Daniel Hay, 37, has a long police record dating back to the 1930s in Dallas. He served time in Huntsville from 1951 to 1957 for burglary out of Wichita County, and was questioned in 1950 concerning a murder.

Yesterday's arrest of Hay was cloaked in secrecy.

Texas City Police Chief De Walt said the arrested man will be arraigned today, either in Galveston or in Houston, before a U. S. Commissioner.

Chief De Walt said:

"Hay won't talk about this case. He clammed up on us."

The pretty, brown-haired Mrs. Krupp has owned the Blue Diamond Ranch near Las Vegas since last July, according to John F. Cahlan, managing editor of the Las Vegas Review Journal.

Divorced Krupp

Mr. Cahlan said:

"Mrs. Krupp came to Las Vegas a little over a year ago to get her divorce from Alfred Krupp."

The Krupp munitions dynasty provided Germany with most

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Las Vegas Robbery Arrest in Texas City

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its arm and munitions during both World Wars I and II. Alfred Krupp was tried as a war criminal at the end of World War II and was sentenced to a prison term. He since has been freed.

Mr. Cahlan said Mrs. Krupp's ranch consists of about 75,000 acres of grazing land. She lives on the ranch with just a crew of ranch hands. She raises cattle.

Robbery Described

As to the robbery on April 10, Mr. Cahlan said:

"It happened at just about dusk.

"Two men drove up to the ranch house and came to the door.

"Mrs. Krupp didn't open the door until one of the men told her they were there to make an estimate on black-topping the ranch road to the highway.

"When Mrs. Krupp opened the door, both men pointed pistols at her and backed her into the living room. With her in the house at the time was her ranch foreman, Howard Brotherson."

The gunmen trussed up both Mrs. Krupp and Mr. Brotherson, Mr. Cahlan said, and proceeded to ransack the house. He continued.

Stripped Ring Off Finger

He continued:

"They seemed to be looking for money, but they didn't find any appreciable amount. If Mrs. Krupp has a hidden safe in the house, they didn't find it, either."

Mrs. Krupp was wearing the

huge diamond ring at the time the men broke in, Mr. Cahlan said. They stripped it from her finger.

After a half-hour search, the gunmen, both of whom wore street clothes, left in their car, Mr. Cahlan said.

"They kept calling Mrs. Krupp 'Vera,' which made local police feel they might have known her."

Mrs. Krupp and the foreman managed to loosen their bonds about a half-hour after the gunmen fled, Mr. Cahlan said, adding:

"But it's about five miles to the nearest phone and it took them quite a while to get word to the police."

Mr. Cahlan said Mrs. Krupp bought the ranch from Chet Lauck, "Lum" of "Lum and Abner" radio fame, about a year ago. He said it is one of the oldest ranches in the area.

Now Houstonians

Mr. and Mrs. Lauck, of 617 Little John, have lived in Houston about four years. Mr. Lauck is a vice president of Continental Oil Co.

Mrs. Lauck said today she and her husband sold the Blue Diamond Ranch to Mrs. Krupp about four years ago. She said it includes 263,000 acres and is a cattle ranch with several springs and lakes on it. She said:

"We owned the ranch about 18 years. When we sold it to Mrs. Krupp, she insisted on buy-

ing the custom-made furniture, too, which was all right with us, since it fits the place."

Mrs. Lauck said the ranch house has five bedrooms and five baths. Outbuildings include a foreman's house and several "cowboys' houses" and an ancient blacksmith shop which many years ago was a Pony Express stop.

Of Mrs. Krupp, Mrs. Lauck said:

"She is a most attractive woman, with the most beautiful accent I've ever heard. It isn't German, French or Spanish... just so extremely cosmopolitan."

Rich and Charming

Las Vegas editor Cahlan described Mrs. Krupp as "very, very rich," and a "charming, good looking 40."

Mr. Cahlan said Mrs. Krupp also bought an interest in the famed gambling house, Last Frontier, when she arrived in Las Vegas.

She had as her partner a man named Lou Machen, he said, and added:

"A couple of months later, Mrs. Machen filed suit for divorce against Lou, naming Mrs. Krupp as co-respondent."

Mr. Cahlan said Mrs. Krupp "dropped about \$150,000" in the operation of the plushy gambling den before the partnership was dissolved.

He added that Mr. Machen now is in Mexico.

Arrested when the unmounted diamond was recovered by Newark police last Saturday in an Elizabeth motel were:

James G. Reves, 31; his wife, Mary Jo, 31, both of Hot Springs, Ark., and Julius Berger, 43, of North Bergen, N. J. They are awaiting trial in Newark.

Mary Jo Reves
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Stolen \$250,000 Krupp Ring Recovered in N. J.; 3 Held

Special to the Herald Tribune.

NEWARK, N. J., May 23. — A \$250,000 diamond ring that was stolen six weeks ago in Nevada was recovered today in Elizabeth, N. J.

William G. Simon, special agent in charge of the Newark office of the F. B. I., announced its recovery along with the arrest of James George Reves and his wife, Mary Jo, both thirty-one, who were charged with interstate transportation and possession of the stolen ring, and Julius Berger, forty-three, who was charged with possession of it.

Almost an Inch Wide

The 33.6-carat stone — it measures seven-eighths of an inch across the face — belongs to Mrs. Vera Krupp, divorced wife of Alfred Krupp, the German industrialist.

On April 10, she was wearing it at dinner on her ranch forty-five miles outside Las Vegas when two men posing as road contractors came in and tied her up. They also bound a ranch employee. Besides the ring, they stole \$700 in cash.

Mr. Simon would not say whether Reves or Berger had anything to do with the robbery. They were arraigned in a preliminary hearing today before United States Commissioner Thomas W. Clohoscy. Reves was held in \$25,000 bail and his wife and Berger were held in \$5,000 each.

Reves described himself as a gambler but only in places

where gambling is legal. He has also been a gas station attendant in his home town, Greenwood, Miss. His wife is from Hot Springs, Ark., and "she has nothing to do with my activities," he said. They were living at the Cadillac Motel on Route 1 at the Elizabeth-Newark line when arrested.

Berger said he is a self-employed paper bag salesman. His home is at 117 77th St., North Bergen, N. J.

The Reves' car, Mr. Simon said, was equipped with a device that can emit a smoke screen. All three will appear for a regular hearing on May 28.

MARY JO REVES
 MRS. JAMES GEORGE REVES

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250G Krupp Gem Recovered, 3 Held

By CLAIRES CURRAN and
LYNN LEONARD

\$250,000 diamond, taken last month by three gunmen from the hand of Vera Krupp, ex-wife of German munitions tycoon Alfred Krupp, at her Nevada ranch, was recovered in Elizabeth, N. J., yesterday by FBI men.

They recovered the 33-carat stone, minus its platinum ring setting, from a man and wife in the Cadillac Motel.

James George Reves, 31, and his bride of five months, Mary Jo, also 31 who gave their address as Hot Springs Ark., were arrested on charges of interstate transportation and possession of the stolen diamond.

ANOTHER MAN, Julius Berger, 43, later was picked up in Newark and also charged with possession of the stolen gem.

Berger, self-employed salesman of paper bags, was picked up in his office, 45 Euclid Ave., Newark. He lives at 117 77th St., North Bergen.

Reves, 6-foot-2 and 210 pounds, told U. S. Commissioner Clohosey at the arraignment of the three in Newark that he was a gambler by profession and worked in gambling clubs. He admitted to



Mrs. Vera Krupp . . . regains 250G diamond, thanks to FBI.

William G. Simon, special agent in charge of the FBI office in Newark, that he had one burglary conviction, two moonshine convictions and had a bad conduct discharge from the Navy.

Trying to clear his petite,

russet-haired bride of any wrongdoing, he told Clohosey:

"I'd like to say that she knew nothing of any of my activities. She has had nothing to do with them."

Clohosey held Reves in \$25,000 bail, and his wife and Berger in \$5,000 each. They were remanded to the Hudson County Jail.

Mrs. Krupp was robbed April 10 when the three gunmen came to her ranch at Blue Diamond, 45 miles from Las Vegas, and represented themselves as road contractors. She was bound and gagged, and a ranch employee, Howard Brotherson, with whom she was having dinner, was handcuffed. Besides stripping the ring from her finger the thieves took \$700 in cash.

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\$250,000 gem found in Elizabeth

A North Bergen man and a married couple were arrested, yesterday for possessing a \$250,000 diamond taken from the finger of Mrs. Vera Krupp by three armed bandits at her ranch near Blue Diamond, Nev., April 10.

Taken into custody by the FBI were Julius Berger, 43, of 117 77th St., North Bergen, and James George Reves, 31, a native of Greenwood, Miss., and his wife, Mary Jo, also 31.

William G. Simon, special agent in charge said Berger, father of two children, 11 and 9, was arrested at the FBI office in Newark. The Reves were arrested in the Cadillac Motel, Rt. 1, Elizabeth, where they had been staying since last Friday. The Reves had the 33-carat Krupp gem at the motel, the FBI said.

TIED HER UP

Simon said that three bandits broke into the ranch of Mrs. Krupp, former wife of Alfried Krupp, owner of the Krupp works in Germany, took the diamond from her finger at gunpoint, and left her bound on the floor along with her ranch foreman.

Arraigned before U.S. Commissioner James W. Clohosey in Newark, Berger said he operated Julie's Grocer and Paper Bags Co. at 45 Euclid Ave., Newark. He was put under \$5,000 bail.

Berger said he had no police record, but the FBI said that on July 26, 1954, he was arrested by New York Port Authority police at Newark Airport for using a slug in a coin machine. He was fined \$25 by Magistrate Joseph H. Lerner. An assault and battery charge brought by a woman who claimed he punched her was dismissed on July 29, 1955, in Jersey City.

Reves, who said he worked in illegal gambling houses in Cairo, Ill., and had a record of burglary and possession of illicit whisky, was placed under \$25,000 bail for possession and illegal transportation of the diamond.

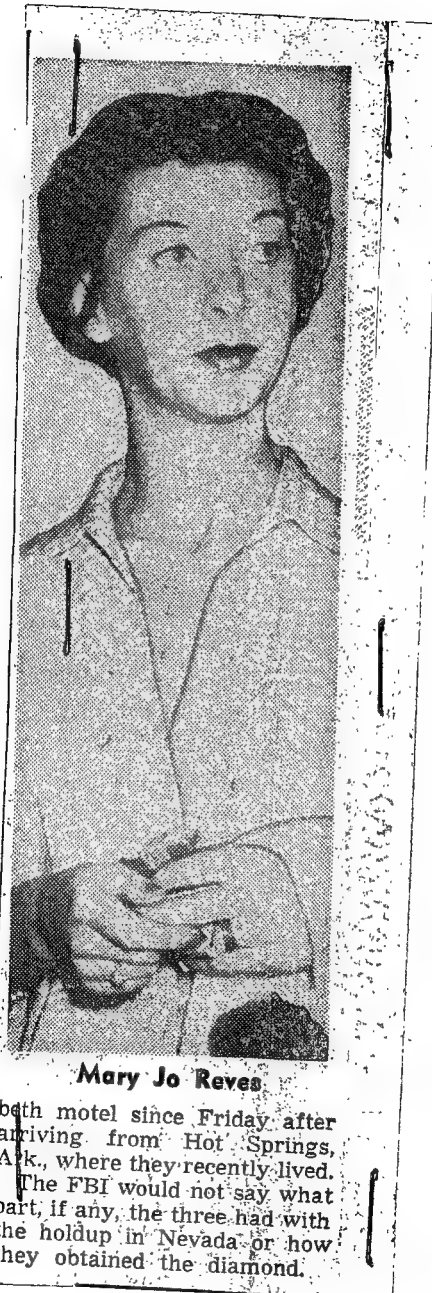
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During the hearing Reves, a sun-tanned 6-footer, tried to protect his wife whom he claimed, "had nothing to do with my activities."

Mrs. Reves was placed under \$5,000 bail and with her husband, was remanded to Hudson County Jail.

The FBI said that the 1959 model car used by the Reves was equipped with a mechanical device to emit a smoke screen from the exhaust.

Simon added that the Reves had been staying at the Elmer



Mary Jo Reves

both motel since Friday after arriving from Hot Springs, Ark., where they recently lived.

The FBI would not say what part, if any, the three had with the holdup in Nevada or how they obtained the diamond.

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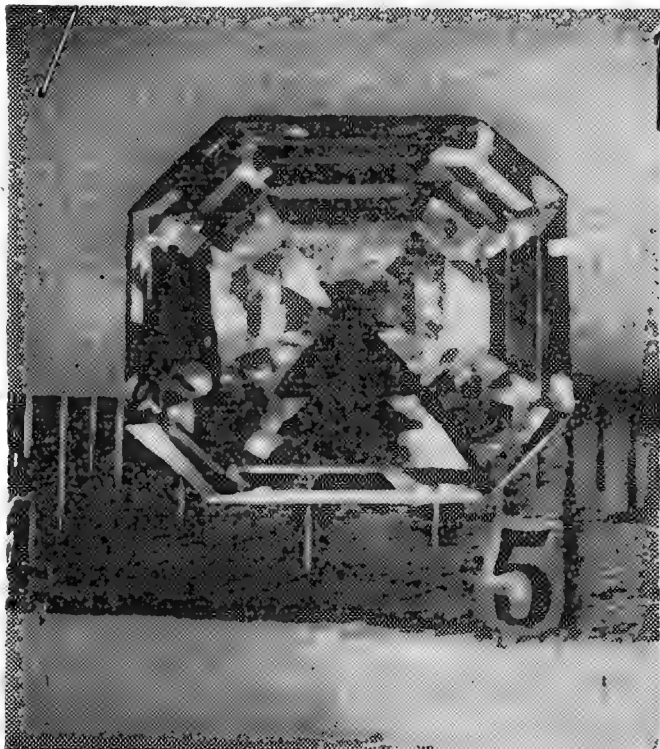
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33 CARATS WORTH—\$300,000 diamond ring stolen from ex-wife of munitions mogul Alfred Krupp in Nevada six weeks ago. Mrs. Krupp usually wore ring with blue jeans, sombrero around Las Vegas.



COUPLE ARRAIGNED—Mary Jo Reves and her husband George, both 31, in custody of Deputy U.S. Marshall Joseph Sojka after arraignment for possession of Krupp diamond ring recovered in Elizabeth motel.

Newark News Photo

Krupp Ring Found in Elizabeth

A Newark businessman and a Hot Springs, Ark. couple were arrested by the FBI yesterday for possession of a \$300,000 diamond ring stolen six weeks ago near Las Vegas, Nev., from Mrs. Vera Krupp, ex-wife of Alfred Krupp of the former German munitions family. The ring was found in an Elizabeth motel, the FBI said.

Julius Berger, 43, of North Bergen, a wholesale grocer in Newark, was arrested at FBI headquarters in Newark and charged with possession, according to William G. Simon, special agent in charge.

The 33.6 carat ring was recovered yesterday in a room at the Cadillac Motel, Rt. 1, Elizabeth. Occupants of the room, George and Mary Jo Reves, both 31, of Hot Springs, were charged with interstate transportation and possession of the diamond, federal offenses.

Smoke Screen Car

Simon said the Reves car was equipped with a mechanical device for spreading a smoke screen from its muffler.

The trio were arraigned yesterday in the Federal Building here before U.S. Commissioner Thomas W. Clohosey.

Reves was held in \$25,000 bail, his wife and Berger in \$5,000 each. The hearing was continued to Thursday to enable the three to obtain counsel. Reves gave his occupation as gambler—"I only play in states where it's legal." They were to be taken to Hudson County Jail pending posting of bail.

Berger, according to the FBI, operates Julie's Grocery & Paper Bag Co., 45 Euclid Ave., Newark. He lives at 117 77th St., North Bergen, with his wife and two children.

Taken From Finger

The ring was stolen April 10 from Mrs. Krupp's ranch at Mountain Spring near Las Vegas, by three gunmen who bound her and handcuffed her foreman, Harold Brotherson, before slipping the ring from the attractive divorcee's finger.

One of the gunmen gained admittance by posing as a road contractor offering to build a black top driveway for the sprawling ranch house. The holdup men taped the eyes of their victims and then methodically ransacked the house. In addition to the ring they took \$700 cash and a .22 caliber pistol.

It took Mrs. Krupp and Brotherson two hours to free themselves and notify police.

The retail value of the ring

is placed at \$300,000, though it is insured at from \$225,000 to \$250,000.

Mrs. Krupp had been given the ring by Krupp before their divorce in 1957.

Known as Gambler

Detective Sgt. Carl Smith, of the Clark County, Nev. Sheriff's office, reached by phone last night, said Reves was known as a gambler who had been frequenting casinos in Las Vegas during early April when the Krupp ranch was robbed.

Smith said it would have been possible for anyone in town to have spotted the ring on Mrs. Krupp. "It was never anywhere but on her finger — she was never known to take it off," he said. "She'd come to town in blue jeans and a cowboy hat and there'd be that diamond."

Mrs. Krupp, the former Martha Vera Wilhelmine Knauer of Hollywood, Calif., and a double divorcee at the time, married Alfred Krupp in the spring of 1952. A native of Germany, Mrs. Krupp emigrated to this country in 1938 and became an American citizen.

At one time a film actress in Europe, she obtained a divorce from the industrialist by default in Las Vegas. He ignored her suit and her demand for a five-million-dollar settlement, which was dropped.

Farmers' Market

Berger's grocery business is operated in a section of a long warehouse-type building in the Newark Farmers Market area. The offices were closed yesterday but a nearby tenant of the building said this was normal procedure. He said he had seen Berger at the building last week.

The space occupied by Berger is a narrow storeroom area, the front section of which is partitioned off into an office.

It was reported that Berger

has only operated at the Euclid Ave. address for the last several months.

Burglary Term

Reves said his wife had nothing to do with his activities. The FBI said he had served three years for burglary and a six and a seven-month term for bootlegging.

Newark police have a record on a Julius Berger, born in 1915, who gave a Brooklyn address when arrested here in 1954 for operating a coin machine with a slug. He was fined \$25 on that charge. An assault and battery complaint against him was dismissed in 1955. Berger said yesterday he once lived in Brooklyn.

The Reves couple apparently drove to the Elizabeth motel late Friday night, according to an attendant there, and booked Room 24 in the rear.

The FBI refused to say whether Berger had been in the Reves' room.

Anthony Tendino, owner of the two-family brick home in North Bergen, where Berger lives with his wife and two children on the top floor, said the family "were nice quiet people—they never gave me any trouble." He was surprised to hear of Berger's involvement in the jewelry theft. The Bergers apparently were not well known in the neighborhood.

JAMES GEORGE REVES, AKA, ET AL.
 33.6 CARAT DIAMOND VALUED AT
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(FBI)

BIRMINGHAM, ALA.--THE FBI TODAY ANNOUNCED THE ARREST OF BIRMINGHAM BUSINESSMAN JOSEPH FRANK SIMONETTI, 41, ON CHARGES OF TRYING TO TRANSPORT THE STOLEN \$250,800 KRUPP DIAMOND FROM LAS VEGAS, NEV., TO NEWARK, N.J.

CLARENCE KELLEY, AGENT IN CHARGE OF THE FBI OFFICE HERE, SAID AGENTS TOOK SIMONETTI INTO CUSTODY AT HIS WHOLESALE PRODUCE FIRM, SIMONETTI'S, INC.

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JOSEPH F. SIMONETTI
... Linked to jewel

Local grocer posts bond in gem robbery

A Birmingham wholesale grocer has been linked to a fabulous \$250,000 diamond taken from the former wife of a German munitions king by armed robbers in Nevada, April 10:

FBI agents charged Joseph F. Simonetti with conspiring to help dispose of the jewel, which is about the size of two lumps of sugar.

Simonetti was released under a \$5000 temporary bond shortly after he was taken into custody yesterday.

HIS ARREST followed the apprehension of three persons in Newark, N. J., and the recovery of the diamond Saturday. The man accused of having the diamond, James G. Reves, was free on bond awaiting trial on a charge of burglarizing the Lexington, Ala., bank early in February.

Clarence Kelley, FBI agent in charge of the Birmingham office, said Simonetti is being charged with acting as a go-between for Reves.

PICKED UP in New Jersey Saturday with Reves were his wife, Mary Jo; and Julius Berger.

The stolen diamond belongs to Mrs. Vera Krupp, ex-wife of Alfred Krupp. The Krupp works sprawl across Western Germany, and supplied much of Germany's war might.

The jewel, described as "perfect blue white," weighs about 33.60 carats. It was mounted in a platinum setting with 1.83 carat diamonds on each side of it.

Armed robbers took the stone from Mrs. Krupp at her ranch near Las Vegas, Nev.

REVES FIRST was arrested in Hot Springs, Ark. in February, several weeks after the \$10,000 Lexington bank burglary, on a clue furnished by a Lexington woman who jotted down the serial numbers of dollar bills she kept in her safe deposit box.

The woman had written the numbers down to check them against those listed by a television show which gave prizes to persons holding bills that match the numbers announced.

Reves showed up at the Hot

Springs jail several weeks after the burglary, protesting the arrest of another person, and he protested until he was also jailed.

WHEN HE BAILED himself and the other person out, police there decided to check some of the serial numbers of some of the several thousands of dollars he had.

Simonetti, who lives at 1344 44th-st, Ensley, will be represented by Col. William S. Prichard and Atty. Winston McCall.

U. S. Commissioner Mrs. Louise O. Charlton set a hearing for Simonetti June 3. No hearing was held yesterday because Simonetti was picked up at his place of business after information was sent the FBI by teletype from Newark, N. J., and the original warrant had not arrived.

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Texas City Man Arrested In Las Vegas Diamond Theft

A Texas City man, Edward Daniel Hay, 39, was arrested at his home there at 5:28 PM Thursday for conspiracy in the April 10 robbery of a \$250,000 diamond ring near Las Vegas, Nev.

Henry O. Hawkins, special agent in charge of the Houston office of the FBI, said the arrest was made by Texas City Police Chief Franklin DeWitt and an FBI agent. Hay was jailed at Texas City.

HAWKINS SAID that Hay was charged Thursday in Newark, NJ, with conspiring to transport stolen jewelry across a state line.

The 33-carat ring was taken from Mrs. Vera Krupp in a robbery by two men who posed as road contractors. She is the former wife of Alfred Krupp, a member of a munitions and industrial family in Germany.

The ring was recovered with the arrest of three persons near Newark last week. Hay was one of five persons who had complaints of conspiracy to transport stolen property across state

lines filed against them at Newark Wednesday. He had been working as a house painter for a Houston contractor recently.

HAWKINS SAID the federal district attorney at Newark had recommended bail of \$25,000 for the persons involved in the robbery conspiracy.

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(FBI)

TEXAS CITY, TEX.--FBI AGENTS LAST NIGHT ARRESTED A 39-YEAR-OLD TEXAS CITY MAN WHO WAS CHARGED WITH CONSPIRACY IN THE APRIL 10 ROBBERY OF A \$250,000 DIAMOND RING NEAR LAS VEGAS, NEV.

JAILED ON CHARGES OF CONSPIRING TO TRANSPORT STOLEN JEWELRY ACROSS A STATE LINE WAS EDWARD DANIEL HAY. HE WAS ONE OF FIVE PERSONS CHARGED WEDNESDAY AT NEWARK, N.J.

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Commissioner For U.S. Will Set Hearing

Plot to Transport Diamond Stolen In Vegas Charged

By MARCUS DICKEY
Tribune Staff Writer

TEXAS CITY, May 29—C. B. Jackson, U.S. Commissioner in Galveston, was to set a hearing Friday afternoon for Edward Daniel Hay, Texarkana man charged with conspiracy in connection with a robbery near Las Vegas, Nev. last April in which a \$250,000 diamond ring was taken.

Hay, 39, had resided in Texas City less than a week when he was arrested by FBI man John Franklin and Texas City Police Chief Rankin De Walt at 5:28 p.m. Thursday.

"He didn't say a word," Chief De Walt reported Friday, of the arrest. "Hay had just pulled into his driveway, evidently after a trip to Houston, when Franklin and I picked him up."

His bond was recommended to be set at \$25,000 by the commissioner in Las Vegas.

Hay is one of five men jailed on charges which read: "Conspired to transport the Krupp diamond from Las Vegas, to Newark, N.J. and other parts of the continental United States, knowing it to have been stolen."

Hay has no Texas City address, according to Lieut. John Douglas Pohler, of the Texas City police, who said Friday morning "This is a matter for the FBI; we're holding Hay for the U.S. Marshal, that's all. We know nothing about him."

Hay and an alleged ring of five are charged with the theft of a 33-carat ring taken from Mrs. Vera Krupp, former wife of wealthy munitions and industrial magnate Alfred Krupp, of Germany, in an April 10 robbery near Las Vegas.

Two men posed as road contractors, Mrs. Krupp told authorities, in the robbery.

The ring was recovered after the arrest of three persons near Newark last week, according to the FBI.

Hay, who had been working as a house painter for a Houston contractor, was said by Henry O. Hawkins, FBI head in Houston, to have a father residing in Texas City.

The arrested man, however, reportedly is from Texarkana, Tex.

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Mr. + Mrs. James George Reves

Nab 5th Gem Theft Suspect

A fifth person has been arrested in the theft of the \$250,000 Krupp diamond, the Newark office of the FBI announced yesterday. The latest prisoner, Edward D. Hay, 39, was seized in Texas City, Texas, Thursday night.

The 33-carat gem was stolen from Mrs. Veva Krupp at her ranch near Las Vegas, April 10. It was recovered last week when James Reves and his wife, Mary, of Hot Springs, Ark., were seized in an Elizabeth, N. J., motel.

The others arrested were Julius Berger, a North Bergen, N. J., grocer, and Joseph F. Simonetti, of Birmingham, Ala.

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Waives preliminary—

Simonetti rams lensman after diamond hearing

Birmingham Wholesale Grocer Joseph Simonetti waived a preliminary hearing in federal court here today on charges that he conspired to help transport the famous Krupp diamond from one state to another.

The diamond was stolen last April 10 at Las Vegas, Nev.

Simonetti entered a plea of innocent before U. S. Commissioner Louise O. Charlton today and was released on \$10,000 permanent bond.

He will be required to appear at Newark, N. J., when a federal Grand Jury there will consider the case.

SIMONETTI WAS arrested May 27, but a date for a hearing was postponed until today to obtain the original warrant for his arrest from federal authorities at Newark.

Tempers flared briefly as Simonetti and his attorney left the commissioner's office this morning. Simonetti, holding a raincoat in front of him, bumped into WAPI-TV photographer Geoff Smith, causing Smith to drop a floodlight which smashed on the marble floor.

Both Simonetti and Smith were questioned by Marshal P. L. Dodd

following the incident.

They were then released.

SIMONETTI IS charged with conspiring with several other persons in transporting the \$250,000 diamond from Nevada to New Jersey.

The diamond, which weighs 33.58 carats, belong to Mrs. Vera Krupp, former wife of the German industrialist.

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Hearing Waived By Simonetti

Joseph F. Simonetti, Birmingham wholesale grocer charged with conspiring to help sell a stolen \$250,000 diamond, pleaded innocent and waived a hearing before U. S. Commissioner Mrs. Louise O. Charlton yesterday.

She set his bond at \$10,000, which was posted. He has been on a temporary bond of \$5000 since his arrest May 27 on a charge of conspiring to help dispose of a diamond stolen from Mrs. Vera Krupp in Las Vegas April 10.

After the hearing, Simonetti, 41, a stocky man, apparently collided with a television cameraman taking pictures of him in the corridor outside the commissioner's office in the Federal Building.

According to observers, Simonetti had a rain coat in front of his face, and he walked into Geoff Smith, the photographer, breaking one of his lights.

Another person arrested in connection with the jewel theft, and charged with the actual robbery, is James Reyes, who also is under bond awaiting trial on a charge of burglarizing the Lexington, Ala., bank in February.

Reyes was arrested in New Jersey where he was trying to make arrangements to dispose of the stone, the FBI said. It charged Simonetti with setting up the contact between Reyes and the New Jersey figure.

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Pair Held by FBI in Krupp Jewel Robbery

Federal Bureau of Investigation apprehension late Tuesday night of the final two persons wanted for the April 10 armed robbery of diamonds at Vera Krupp's ranch near here was announced by Percy Wyly II, special agent in charge, Salt Lake City office.

FBI men caught William Sneed Davie, 43, and Marion Carter Bowman, 38, as the pair entered U.S. at Laredo, Tex. They were to be arraigned before federal officials at Laredo Wednesday, charged with conspiracy to violate interstate transportation of stolen property. This brings the total to eight arrested in the robbery.

Miss Krupp was bound and gagged by a group of pistol-packing robbers during the daring gem heist. She is the former wife of German munitions magnate Baron Von Krupp and has resided in this area for several years.

Complaints against the pair were filed before federal officials at Newark, N.J., May 27 when FBI agents picked up six other persons in connection with the robbery.

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Bank Theft Count Holds Arkansan

James G. Reyes, 30, of Hot Springs, Ark., who was arrested May 23 in Elizabeth in connection with the theft of a \$275,000 diamond, has been indicted by a federal grand jury in Birmingham, Ala., on a charge of robbing a Lexington, Ala., bank last February.

Reyes was arrested with his wife, Mary Jo, 31, after the theft of the 33-carat Krupp diamond from Mrs. Vera Krupp, divorced wife of German industrialist Alfred Krupp.

The gem was taken April 10 from Mrs. Krupp's home near Las Vegas, Nev. Julius Berger, 43, of North Bergen and four other persons in other parts of the country also were arrested in the theft.

Reyes was arrested in Hot Springs, Ark., on the bank robbery charge after he went to the jail in that community to protest the arrest of a friend.

He protested so much that he was arrested. Police said several thousand dollars were found in his pockets.

The FBI checked the money and reported that some of it came from the Lexington bank. Serial numbers had been recorded for some dollar bills kept in a safety deposit box because a television program was giving prizes for bills with announced serial numbers.

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North Bergen Man Admits Gem Theft Role

LAS VEGAS, Nev., Nov. 3 (AP) — A quarter-million-dollar diamond ring has been placed in evidence in the government's case against 7 men accused of illegally taking it across state lines.

Mrs. Vera Krupp, divorced wife of German industrialist (Alfred Krupp, identified the ring yesterday as one stolen from her by 3 men last April.

The diamond weighs 33.6 carats and is nearly an inch wide. A jeweler testified it might be worth more than \$250,000.

FBI Agent Bert Stickler of Newark, N. J., said he found the ring May 23 in the lining of an overcoat owned by James Reves, 30,

of Hot Springs, Ark. Reves was arrested in an Elizabeth (N.J.) motel.

Others Arrested

He said the arrest led to the other defendants: Marion Bowman, 37, San Antonio, Tex.; William Davis, 42, Ogden, Utah; Joseph Simonetti, 32, Birmingham, Ala.; John Hagenson, 31, Los Angeles; Edward Daniel Hay, Texas City, Tex., and Julius Berger, 43, of North Bergen, N. J., a wholesale grocer in Newark.

As the trial opened yesterday, Berger, 117 77th st., pleaded guilty to conspiracy to transport stolen property in interstate commerce. Similar charges are being pressed against the other 6.

A charge of actually transporting the gem was brought against Reves, Davis, Bowman, Hagenson and Hay.

The federal complaint names Davis, Bowman and Reves as the men who robbed Mrs. Krupp. She identified Bowman and Davis in court yesterday as 2 of the hold-up men. State authorities say they may be charged with robbery after the federal case is concluded.

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Two Krupp Defendants Switch Pleas to Guilty

More courtroom drama unfolded this morning in the quarter million dollar Krupp diamond theft trial when two more of the defendants withdrew their pleas of innocent and changed them to guilty.

The two men who confessed to taking part in the heist of the 33.6 carat diamond last April 10 were George James Reves, 30, of Hot Springs, Ark., and William Sneed Davie, 42, of Ogden, Utah. In both cases the government dropped the charges of conspiracy against them. Their "guilty" plea holds a maximum prison

term of 10 years and \$10,000 fine, or both.

A motion was made by Davie's attorney, Harry Buscher, that the jury be excused so that his client could make the guilty plea shortly after the trial began in Judge John R. Ross' U.S. district court here this morning. A short recess was called by the prosecution and shortly afterwards Reves' attorney, Sam Anderson, made the same motion in behalf of his client. Sentencing date for both men who confessed to transporting the diamond from Las Vegas to New Jersey and other states has been set for Nov. 20 at 1:30 p.m.

The four remaining defendants in the trial and their respective attorneys are Marion Carter Bowman — James W. Johnson; John Hagenson — Herbert Jones; Edward Daniel Hay — Tom Foley; and Joseph Simonetti — Harry Claiborne and Tad Porter. A seventh man in the trial, Julius Burger, of Newark, N.J., pleaded guilty here last Monday on charges of conspiracy.

A motion was made to the court by Claiborne that Reves' confession be stricken from the record because it had no bearing on his client. The other attorneys agreed and Judge Ross granted the request.

A key witness this morning was H. D. Daniels, Jr., city marshal of Wake Village, Tex. He said he knew Hay and pointed him out. In answer to U.S. Attorney Howard Babcock's query the Texas marshal said he inquired at Hay's residence in that city on April 7, 8 and 9 and he was not home. "Hay was not in the city on April 9," Daniels said.

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ily retired the jury over a matter of jurisprudence concerning the purported confession, but Wednesday he allowed them to stay, cautioning the 10-man two-women jury that, "The alleged confession is admitted against Reves only." Excerpts from the 15 minute long oration by agent Tagg are as follows:

"I, George James Reves, make this voluntary statement in front of special agents . . . Bill Davie (one of the six defendants) came to my trailer court last March and we left for Ogden, Utah . . . We arrived there and went to the Rose Rooms, which is operated by Davie's wife . . . We arrived in Las Vegas April 1 and registered at the Travel Motel where we were to meet Bowman (Marion Carter, another defendant in the trial), and later on, Hagenson (John William, a fourth defendant), who was to describe to us the physical layout of the ranch."

The latter part of this testimony was substantiated later in the trial by Robert Dockens, part owner of the Travel Motel on E. Fremont. He was the seventh witness Wednesday afternoon and brought three registration cards showing the names of "C. Marion," who stayed two days, March 31 and April 1; "W. S. Davie and party," who registered late the night of April 1; and a third man under the name of "Smith," whom he could not identify. Dockens pointed out the former two as the men who stayed at his motel.

The confession in question continued:

"Ed Hay (the fifth defendant) joined us in Las Vegas and Hagenson, Davie, Bowman, Hay and myself made several trips out to the ranch . . . On the night of April 10, 1959, Davie, Bowman and myself drove my car out to the ranch . . . Bowman knocked on the rear door and told Mrs. Krupp he was from the Acme Construction Co. . . . Bowman and Davie put guns on the woman and I handcuffed the man in the house."

The remaining two men in the heist are Joseph Simonetti and Julius Berger. Berger, 43, pleaded guilty on charges of conspiracy and is scheduled to be sentenced Nov. 13.

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'SINGS' AT KRUPP ROBBERY TRIAL

Links Pair To Alleged Heist Plot

By JOE McCLAIN
SUN Staff Writer

A defendant who has already pleaded guilty to conspiring to steal and merchandise the \$250,000 Vera Krupp diamond, yesterday took the stand here in Federal Court and linked a friend and business associate of 16 years standing to the alleged plot.

The defendant, Julius Berger, 43, of North Bergen, N.J., told the jury hearing the case in Federal Judge John R. Ross' court that Joe Simonetti, Birmingham, Ala., grocery wholesaler, sent James George Reves, 30, of Hot Springs, Ark., to him on May 22 to see if he could dispose of the diamond for Reves.

Reves and William Sneed Davie, 42, of Ogden, Utah, yesterday morning pleaded guilty to charges of interstate transportation of the diamond and will be sentenced Nov. 30 on the charge, which carries a possible penalty of 10 years in prison or \$10,000 fine, or both.

Conspiracy charges against them were dismissed at the request of U.S. Atty. Howard Babcock.

The quarter of a million-dollar diamond was stolen from Mrs. Vera Krupp at her Spring Mountain ranch, April 10, and was recovered at Elizabeth, N.J., May 23, when Federal Bureau of Identification agents arrested Reves and Berger.

The only remaining defendants in the action are John William Hagenson, 31, of Hot Springs, Ark., Edward Daniel Hay, Texas City, Tex., Marion Carter Bowman, 37, of San Antonio, Tex., and Simonetti.

Both Bowman and Hagenson have been embroiled with local law enforcement officials in the past. Bowman is represented by Atty. James Johnson of Reno, and Hagenson, by Atty. Herbert N. Jones.

Attys. Harry Claiborne and Tad Porter represent Simonetti. (Continued on Page 2)

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netti, and Hay is represented by Atty. Tom Foley.

Berger was the 20th witness to take the stand during yesterday's proceedings that also were marked by testimony from James M. Jones, brought here from the Los Angeles county jail, where he is in custody, in connection with a West Los Angeles jewel robbery.

Jones testified that on April 13, in Los Angeles, Hagenson told him that the former "had pulled a big job in Las Vegas."

Other witnesses who testified yesterday included FBI agents, hotel and motel managers and auditors, a bellman, a Texas city marshal and a Louisiana police chief, and airlines officials.

One witness, Mrs. Kathryn Houser, of Texarkana, Tex., a neighbor of Hay, proved a reluctant witness concerning events of April at the Hay home and probably will be recalled by Babcock who is being assisted in prosecuting the case by Asst. U.S. Atty. Art Taylor.

Two other witnesses, Bert Cohn, of Chicago, and Jason Kawin, of St. Louis, testified concerning Reves' attempts to peddle the diamond ring. Kawin testified that he bought the two baguettes for \$150 but was not able to iden-

agents when he was arrested May 23, and the slip of paper with the serial number from Berger when he was arrested by the FBI the same day.

That some of the slips allegedly furnished by Simonetti were printed, but identified by Berger as Simonetti's, sparked a heated examination of Berger's testimony by Claiborne.

At one point, Judge Ross admonished Claiborne to use more restraint in his remarks and observe the dignity of the court.

This followed a remark by Claiborne indicating that Berger was "eager to help the U.S. Attorney."

"I pleaded guilty to the charge," retorted Berger, "what do I care about the U.S. attorney?"

Both Babcock and the court added to Claiborne that Babcock was having "no difficulty" in presenting the case.

Berger testified that he had seen Simonetti's correspondence on "hundreds of occasions" and the latter "liked to print."

The day's proceedings also were marked by return to the courtroom of the Krupp diamond from its safekeeping in a local bank vault.

Both Cohn and Kawin identified it as being, to the best of their recollection, the

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Newark Man Fails to Sell Stolen Gem

Las Vegas, Nev., Nov. 7 (AP) —A Newark man told today how he drove around the New Jersey city for eight hours, trying to sell a hot diamond weighing 33.6 carats and worth \$250,000.

Julius Berger said his first venture into handling stolen goods was when he tried to dispose of the diamond ring stolen here April 10 from Mrs. Vera Krupp, former wife of German industrialist Alfred Krupp.

He said Joseph Simonetti, of Birmingham, Ala., sent James George Reves, 30, of Hot Springs, Ark., from Birmingham to Newark to give him the ring.

Berger, one of seven men originally indicted for conspiring to ship the stolen gem across state lines, testified he tried unsuccessfully to sell the diamond to a Newark jeweler and through a service station attendant who knew another jeweler. He said he took it back to Reves at a Newark motel after eight hours.

"On the way home," said Berger, "the FBI pulled me over and invited me down for a talk."

Other agents arrested Reves the same day, last May 22, and recovered the diamond.

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Expect Completion of Government Case Today in Krupp Diamond Theft

The sensational Krupp diamond robbery trial will resume at 10 a.m. today in Las Vegas federal building before U.S. Dist. Judge John R. Ross, with continued defense cross-examination of Julius Berger, 43, who has pled guilty and implicated other defendants in connection with the \$250,000 heist last April 10.

After Berger, the government plans to call several other witnesses and hopes to rest its case late today and let the defense take over. The jury is expected to start some time this week weighing the fate of the men charged with carrying, or conspiring to carry, the fabulous Krupp gem across the U.S.

One of the biggest jewel theft cases in U.S. history, the Krupp affair has found U.S.

Atty. Howard Babcock and Asst. U.S. Atty. Arthur M. Taylor facing as many as nine lawyers representing seven defendants in the colorful trial climax to a nation-wide FBI and police man-hunt.

The 33.6 carat diamond, one of the world's largest, was taken at gunpoint from the finger of Mrs. Vera Krupp, ex-wife of multi-millionaire German munition tycoon Alfred Krupp, at her lonely Spring Mountain ranch near Las Vegas by three men posing as paving contractors.

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'HOPE KIDS WILL FORGIVE ME'

First Criminal Offense Of Krupp Jewel Thief

By ALAN JARLSON
SUN Staff Writer

Julius Berger does not look like the type of man who would get himself involved in a diamond robbery of tremendous proportions and equal repercussions.

But the 43-year-old Berger has pleaded guilty to participating in what the U.S. government contends was a clever and bold scheme to steal the \$250,000 Krupp diamond, a scheme with ramifications stretching from coast to coast.

As he waited in the corridor of the federal building yesterday, he looked more like a man waiting his turn to transact business with the court from a position within the law, rather than a man awaiting sentence for his admitted participation in the conspiracy to rob Mrs. Vera Krupp of her wealthy bauble.

"I don't know what made me think I could get away with it," Berger told a reporter. "I've never done anything criminal before."

"It's the kids I now think about most," he confided.

Berger has a daughter 11 and a boy nine years old.

He wouldn't disclose their names.

"They've gotten too much publicity already because of this thing," Berger said with obvious sorrow in his voice.

He continued, "I've moved them three—or was it four—times? I really can't remember now. Each time my name or picture appears in my home town paper, they have to move again."

Berger's home town is Newark, N.J. Before the Krupp diamond robbery he was well liked and well respected in his neighborhood.

"I know what they think of me now," he said. "I can't blame them much."

Berger was asked if he was offered any incentive to change his plea from innocent to guilty.

"I was offered nothing," he answered. "I did it on the advice of my attorney. I would have pleaded guilty several months ago, but my attorney advised me not to."

Berger indicated he has accepted his fate with resignation. "I guess I'll get two or

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three years," he said. "I just hope the kids and my wife will forgive me."

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Closeout In Krupp Ring Case

Defense attorneys for Marion C. Bowman and Edward D. Hay, two of the four men now appearing before Judge John R. Ross in U.S. District Court in the quarter-million dollar Krupp diamond theft trial, wound up their final arguments this morning as the trial went into its eighth day.

Attorneys James Johnson and Tom Foley presented final testimony following Assistant U.S. Attorney Arthur M. Taylor Jr.'s opening arguments for the U.S. government.

Taylor outlined to the jury the complicated movements of defendants Bowman, Hay, John Hagenson and Joseph Simoneffi since the alleged conspiracy to seize the Krupp 33 1/2 carat diamond last April. Taylor traced the travels of the alleged conspirators together with the movements of three other defendants who had previously pleaded guilty and thrown themselves on the mercy of the court.

Ogden, Utah, Las Vegas, Miami, Chicago, St. Louis, Birmingham, Alabama and small towns in New Jersey and Louisiana figured in Taylor's summary of the travels of the men charged with conspiring to transport stolen property in interstate commerce and with actually carrying out the conspiracy.

The attorney for Marion C. Bowman sought to convince the jury in his final argument that

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though Bowman admitted to participation in the robbery, he did not admit to either entering a plan to transport the diamond or actually doing so. The attorney told the jury that "there is no evidence that Bowman traveled with them (the diamond transporters) at any time," or that he had ever had the stone in his possession, or under his dominion.

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Plot on Krupp Gem Convicts 3

LAS VEGAS, Nev., Nov. 14 (AP).—Three men have pleaded guilty and three others were convicted of a plot to steal the huge Krupp diamond and take it across State lines. A seventh was acquitted.

A jury of 10 men and 2 women last night freed Joseph Simonetti, 32, of Birmingham, Ala., who had denied any connection with the crime.

Three others were found guilty. Earlier in the trial, which lasted two weeks, three other prisoners changed their pleas to guilty.

Nation-wide Search

Those convicted last night, each on two counts of conspiracy, were John William Hagenson, 31, of Las Vegas and Hot Springs, Ark.; Marion Carter Bowman, 37, of San Antonio, Tex., and Edward Daniel Hay of Texas City, Tex.

The convictions climaxed an investigation touched off when armed robbers seized the \$250,000 diamond ring from Mrs. Vera Krupp at her ranch near here last April 10. Mrs. Krupp was formerly married to Alfred Krupp, German industrialist.

The search spread across the Nation. And, as Federal agents anticipated, the culprits had trouble trying to get rid of the 33.6-karat gem.

Sentencing Set December 11

Julius Berger of Newark, N. J., who pleaded guilty at the outset of the trial, testified he spent eight hours trying to find a buyer in Newark, then gave up and returned the stolen diamond to another member of the ring. The diamond was recovered by FBI agents on May 22.

Others who pleaded guilty were James George Reyes, 30, of Hot Springs, and William S. Davis, 42, of Ogden, Utah.

Sentencing was set for December 11.

Simonetti was acquitted after the jurors heard Berger's testimony read back to them. Berger was the only person to implicate Simonetti, whose character witnesses included a former adjutant general of Alabama.

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3 Sentenced In Diamond Theft

CARSON CITY, Nev., Dec. 11 (AP).—The last three of six men convicted in the Krupp diamond theft conspiracy were sentenced to ten-year prison terms today by Federal Judge John Ross.

Sentenced were John Hagenson, thirty-one, of Las Vegas and Hot Springs, Ark., Marion Bowman, thirty-seven, of San Antonio, Tex., and Edward Hay, of Texas City, Tex.

Seven men were charged in the theft of the \$250,000 gem from Mrs. Vera Krupp at her ranch near Las Vegas. One was acquitted. Three others pleaded guilty and two were handed ten and five-year prison terms. Julius Berger, forty-three, of North Bergen, N. J., was given probation.

Three armed men stole the diamond from Mrs. Krupp, former wife of German industrialist Alfred Krupp, April 10. The seven were rounded up by the F. B. I. after they had trouble getting rid of the 33.6-carat gem.

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Convicted Krupp Diamond Thieves Sent to Prison

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Federal Judge John R. Ross this morning passed sentence on three men convicted of conspiracy and interstate transportation of stolen goods in the theft of the \$250,000 Vera Krupp diamond.

Two indicated they will appeal. The third will go to prison, and try to earn a college degree.

Edward Daniel Hay, Marion Carter Bowman and John William Hagenson, convicted following the jury trials in Las Vegas, must all serve 10 year sentences for their part in the sensational southern Nevada robbery.

Hay and Bowman, whose lawyers unsuccessfully moved for judgments of acquittal despite the verdict, indicated they would appeal.

Hagenson, already serving a five years to life sentence at the Chino Minimum Security Prison in California, apparently won't appeal despite an earlier correspondence with Judge Ross indicating he might.

Instead, he will bank on the judge's recommendation he be allowed to serve his federal time concurrently with his California sentence.

The judge made the recommendation after Hagenson said he couldn't continue his college work if he had to go to a maximum security prison, a cinch outlook if a federal "hold" were placed on him.

Ross, citing the "unhappy duty" of imposing sentence in some cases, said he couldn't specify what prison Hagenson was to be confined in.

But, he praised him for his attempts to better himself through correspondence college work, and said his case wasn't entirely hopeless.

"Prisons are only for the hopeless," the judge emphasized. "A sentence shouldn't be held against you. Everybody is entitled to one mistake, or maybe two."

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